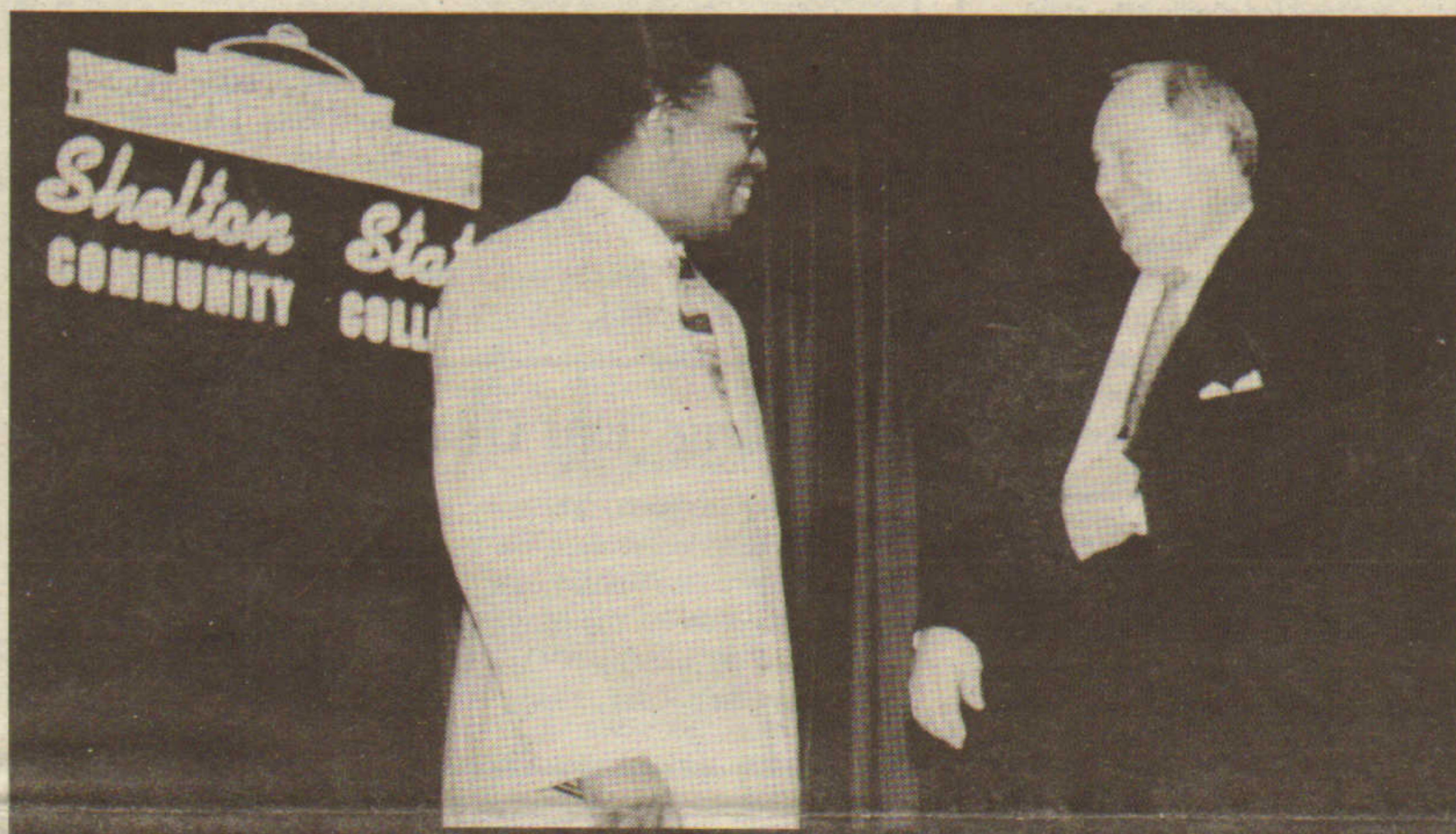


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## Chancellor opens search with visit



Both Shelton President Dr. Thomas E. Umphrey (R) and Two-Year System Chancellor Dr. Fred Gainous seemed in happy, joshing moods as they got down to searching for President Umphrey's successor

With a reception for the top five candidates scheduled in the atrium at publication time for this issue of the *Courier*, the search to replace long-time college president Dr. Thomas E. Umphrey continues at Shelton State.

The search has proceeded with great speed, as Umphrey faces imminent retirement Sept. 1.

On May 31—the day the last issue of the paper went to press—Dr. Fred Gainous, chancellor of the two-year college system in Alabama came to the college and met with the faculty and staff in the Bean-Brown Theatre.

Gainous was complimentary

to both Umphrey and the staffers on hand whom, he noted, has created a thriving enterprise in the Tuscaloosa area.

Gainous appeared in a jovial and reminiscent mood as he seemed to direct various inside jokes to the many on hand who have had personal dealings with him.

Umphrey also, perhaps relieved by feeling the reins of responsibility relaxing after 12 years, smiled and joked through his introduction of the chancellor. He also thanked the faculty and staff for its support.

Search for the new president is being headed by a committee and

coordinated by local Alabama School Board member Sandra Ray.

The committee consists of Harold Wade, Bevill State Community College president; Charles Harris, post-secondary staff member; Claude Burns, Susan Compton, Willie Fort, community representatives; Lyda Black and Diane Layton, faculty members; and Yvonne Robinson, support staff member.

Ray told the Tuscaloosa News in mid-June that she is hoping for a speedy end to the process. “We hope that this is a short, fast process so that we can have somebody in place by no later than the end of August. The goal is to have no interim.

“We want to make sure we get as good a president to replace Dr. Umphrey as he has been,” Ray also said. “It can certainly determine the college is going to take for the next 12-15 years.”

Gainous and a committee of post-secondary staff members will interview the finalists and recommend one to the board. If the board rejects the selection, Gainous's committee would recommend another finalist. If that selection would prove unsatisfactory, the process would have to start over.

With the new campus seeming to sail smoothly, a drawn-out process is an eventuality no one seems to anticipate or desire.

### *The Shoe Fits!*

## Jessica Smith fashioning her very own fairy tale

Big Kim Eaton

Everyone knows the story of Cinderella, a sweet maiden who is rescued from despair by a handsome prince who finds her glass slipper. It is a fairy tale loved by children and adults alike. When Shelton State's Theatre Department performed Rogers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* during the 1999 spring semester, students and faculty awaited opening night with great anticipation.

Jessica Smith snagged the role of the leading lady and performed her character with extreme passion and skill. Where did this black-haired, dark-eyed beauty come from? Where did this talent develop?

A freshman, graduating from Gordo High School in 1998, comes to Shelton and takes the stage with a new and exotic look. Along the way, she pulls off a 4.0 GPA, wins the Leo Sumner Award, the college's highest honor, and is named Miss Shelton State to boot. There

must be something behind this. Maybe Smith has a fairy tale story of her own?

Smith's story begins in Okinawa, Japan where her family lived for three years before moving to San Miguel, Philippines. Her mother, being Filipino, enjoyed being home. But her father was a Navy man and the family did not stay in one place for long. Once again, after living in the Philippines for three years, the family moved to California.

Like many love stories, this one also fell apart. At the age of 13, Smith's parents divorced. Her father moved Smith and her sister to his family in Gordo while her mother stayed in California with her brother and half-brother. Reflecting back, Smith remarked “I had always been a daddy's girl, so in a sense the divorce didn't affect me too much. I don't feel like I've lacked parental guidance. My dad's always been there no matter what the situation.”

Upon graduation from

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Jessica Smith welcomes her future with open arms



## Work Keys to help unlock the door to career success

The June issue of the college's faculty & staff newsletter, *Shelton Chronicle*, ran an article describing the Work Keys program. The following is a reprint:

If you've been around any of Alabama's two-year colleges this summer, you've probably heard the term "Work Keys." Work Keys provides a new direction for two-year colleges in Alabama and other states.

Beginning this fall, Work Keys will begin at all Alabama two-year colleges. Work Keys is a communication system, a common language or common scale. The Work Keys system is offered through ACT and is designed to help students develop real and better workplace skills.

The basic problem today is that state and regional areas cannot attract businesses without skilled workers. Jobs are changing rapidly, and the skills needed are not keeping up with the demand. There are three areas of Work Keys: Skills Assessment, Job Profiling and Targets for Instruction.

Heading the Work Keys team at Shelton is Johnny Parker. Others involved are Evelyn Metee, Randy Jarrell, Holly Sexton and Judy Holland, tech prep coordinator.

## Editorial

### Pay attention to what you learn in class; it could be important

By Derek Flowers

It's an experience that really leaves you feeling good about yourself. The feeling I am speaking of is saving a life.

While I was a student at Hinds Community College in Raymond, Miss., I signed up for a first aid class which I viewed as an opportunity for an easy "A."

The class consisted of learning CPR, as well as the Heimlich maneuver.

One year after I had completed my first aid class I was eating at Ci Ci's Pizza restaurant where a young boy started choking on a piece of candy. At this time I could not believe that I had an opportunity to use what I had

been taught in a situation with serious consequences.

Two prior attempts were made to relieve the child from choking. One of those attempts was a frantic mother beating desperately on her child's back. Unfortunately both attempts did not succeed in relieving the child.

At this time the distressed mother allowed me the opportunity to help.

As a result of my first aid class, I was able to force the candy from the boy's throat area.

Even though the mother was overjoyed and I received an abundance of gratitude from the mother, I did not need it, for it was a moment that made me very proud.

### Special retirement reception planned for Shelton State's "Lucky 27"

Plans continue to progress for the retirement reception to be held at the college Sunday, July 30.

All 27 employees from Shelton State who are retiring under the current incentive plan offered by the State Board of Education will be honored.

The time for the reception is 2-4 p.m., with a special program scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

## Calendar of Events

### June

28-29— 9 a.m.-2 p.m.- STAR Days, Room 2255, DeGraffenried Lecture Hall

Hall

20 9 a.m.-2 p.m. STAR Days, Room 2255 DeGraffenried Lecture Hall

### July

11— 9 a.m.-2 p.m.- STAR Days, Room 2255 DeGraffenried Lecture Hall

26-27 9 a.m.-2 p.m.- STAR Days, Room 2255 DeGraffenried Lecture Hall

27— 5-8 p.m. Second annual Millennium Sundown Run

13—9 a.m.-2 p.m.-STAR Days, Room 2255 DeGraffenried Lecture

Sunday, 30 2-4 p.m.— Retirement Reception with special presentation at 2:30 p.m., Atrium

### Knocking 'Em Dead in Schorndorf

As we go to press, Theatre Tuscaloosa is undoubtedly wowing the local crowds of Tuscaloosa's sister city Schorndorf in Germany.

Invited by the Sister City Commission, the troupe is present-

ing *Some Enchanted Evening*, a compilation of hits from the shows of Rogers & Hammerstein.

The Theatre Tuscaloosa Stage Centre Company knocked off local sox with a production in 1997.

## Future Issues

The *Courier* looks forward to two more issues this school year. One each month is scheduled for July and August. Let us know what you would like to know about Shelton by calling the publisher at 391-2278 or the *Courier* editorial office at 391-2406. You may also visit the *Courier On-line* at [http://www.shelton.cc.al.us/~courier/courier\\_main.html](http://www.shelton.cc.al.us/~courier/courier_main.html)

### "Keep Looking Up!"

By Dr. Lee Albritton



*It's summer, but what does that mean?*

All one has to do is go outside to realize that summer has arrived! Our days are longer with shorter nights, and thus with more sunlight, we have hot and humid days. What marks the official beginning of summer? It's the Summer Solstice that occurred on June 20 at 8:48 p.m. EDT!

I'm sure that you were aware of the Summer Solstice, made a note of it, and perhaps even had a party! Well that's fine, but exactly what astronomical event occurs on the Summer Solstice that marks

the beginning of summer. Earth's axis of rotation is tilted 23.5 degrees from the ecliptic plane, and on the Summer Solstice, Earth is in that point in our orbit around the sun where our tilt is exactly towards the sun. In the northern hemisphere it will make the longest day and hence the beginning of the summer season.

Six months from now, our tilt will be exactly away from the Sun, and we will experience the shortest day in the northern hemisphere which will be the Winter Solstice

and the beginning of winter.

When Earth is halfway between the solstices, the Sun will be exactly above Earth's equator and these two positions are the equinoxes- the Autumnal or Fall Equinox and the Vernal or Spring Equinox. The equinoxes of course are the beginning points for the other two seasons- fall and spring.

Keep looking up, enjoy the summer time, and check out the beautiful night time sky!

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"The college seeks to provide an atmosphere conducive to open and honest intellectual inquiry in any college forum which is appropriate for dialogue and student participation. The students should feel free to exercise the right to dissent within limits of decorum and good taste."

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## Student Living Guide for Tuscaloosa

### Campus Area

This is the first in a series of reports on the advantages and disadvantages of living in various areas of Tuscaloosa

New people coming to the area surrounding the University of Alabama need to know costs and conveniences of everyday necessities and where to get them.

Some of life's basic needs include food and shelter. When coming to a new town people are faced with a decision of where to live and how much they want to spend. The following list of apartments is located in the area between Queen City Avenue and Druid County Hospital and from University Blvd. to 15th Street. Some of the realtors that deal with apartment housing in the area are as follows:

**Advantage Realty- 349-3444**  
Capstone Condos- 11th

Street 2 bedroom/1 bath from \$675  
Five Oaks- 12th Street 2 bedroom/1 bath from \$430

**College Station Properties- 759-2444**

Alexandria- 15th Avenue 2 bedroom/2 bath from \$480

St. James- 6th Street 3 bedroom/2 bath townhouse from \$890

**Delview Properties LLC- 345-4600**

Ashbury- 9th Street 1 bedroom from \$245

Merrimac Arms- 7th Avenue 1 bedroom/1 bath from \$285

**Ed Wright- 553-1121**

College Place- 13th Avenue 2 bedroom/2 bath from \$475

Morgan Apartments- 12th Avenue 2 bedroom/2 bath from \$600

**Four J. Corporation- 759-5149**

Royal Court- Bryant Drive 2 bedroom/1 bath from \$300

**H.A. Edwards, Inc.-345-1440**

Bryant Drive Apartments- Bryant Drive 1 bedroom/1 bath from

\$475

Chateau Twelve-12th Street 2 bedroom/1 bath from \$410

Churchill Downs-8th Street 2 bedroom/1 bath from \$410

Churchill Downs II- 8th Street 1 bedroom from \$350

Heathrow- 12th Street 2 bedroom/1 bath from \$410

Hunt House- 11th Street 2 bedroom/1 bath from \$410

Merry Oaks-15th Avenue 2 bedroom/1 bath from \$385

**Mike Spruill- 333-1826**

Murray Manor- Bryant Drive 2 bedroom townhouse from \$600

The Oaks- 7th Avenue 2 bedroom townhouse from \$600

**Pride Realty- 758-4940**

Windemere- 13th Avenue 2 bedroom/1 bath from \$420

**Sealy Management Company, Inc.- 391-6000**

Canterbury- 14th Avenue 2 bedroom/1-bath from \$374

University Court- 15th

Street 2 bedroom/ 1 bath from \$314

**Sherrill Realty Co.- 754-0484**

Capstone Cottages- 13th Street 2 bedroom/1 bath from \$395

Driftwood Apartments-11th Avenue 2 bedroom townhouse from \$375

Princeton- 11th Avenue 1 bedroom from \$275

September Place- 8th Street 2 bedroom/2 bath from \$650

Sherrill Plaza- 14th Street 2 bedroom/1 bath from \$275-\$365

Tide- 11th Avenue 2 bedroom/1 bath from \$415

University Square- 6th Avenue 2 bedroom/2 bath from \$650

**Watson Rentals- 349-1652**

Stadium View- 14th Avenue 1 bedroom from \$300

Many people find food an important part of daily life. Luckily in the UA area there are many restaurants and place to eat. A few of the restaurants in the area deliver, which is good if you are hungry and don't have a car or if you just don't feel like going out.

Buffalo Phil's Wings located

on the corner of University Blvd. and 12th Avenue starts their delivery service at 4 p.m. everyday and their menu includes items such as wings, sandwiches and salads. Phil's is also a good place to go hang out with friends because of their outdoor patio and their prices are reasonable, ranging from \$3.15-\$8.11.

Lai Lai is a Chinese restaurant located on University Blvd., two doors down from the Booth. Lai Lai offers lunch delivery Monday through Friday from 11am-2pm and dinner delivery Monday through Sunday from 5-9 pm. Lai Lai's menu prices range from \$2.25-\$8.00.

If you're in the mood for traditional Thai food, the Thai House, located on University Blvd. above Subway is the place to eat. Thai House delivers lunch Monday through Friday from 11am-2pm. They deliver dinner Monday through Thursday from 5-9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 5-10 p.m. Their prices run from

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high school, Smith received an academic scholarship to Shelton State. She wasn't sure of a major just yet. "I knew I was going into some kind of communications field, but I didn't know which one." After taking a few classes she realized that her major would be telecommunications and film.

One of the classes Smith had to take was an acting technique class, taught by Michael Carr. After taking this class she decided she would also enjoy doing theater. "I loved the whole idea of being able to portray a character, not being yourself." So her acting career began.

Smith's first audition was for *Our Town*. She played Joan Stoddard, which was originally a male role (Joe Stoddard). It was a small part, but a beginning. Her second audition landed her the big one. Auditioning for *Cinderella*, she never dreamed she would actually get the lead role. But got it she did, and performed magnificently. Her third audition was for *The Crucible*, where she played a Salem girl. Smith's fourth audition was for Theatre Tuscaloosa's *Dracula*, where Smith played Lucy.

Apart from having various roles in productions, Smith has also done a great deal of behind-the-scenes work. She was assistant manager for *Man of La Mancha*, publicity coordinator and spotlights for *Damn Yankees* and spotlights for *Broadway Christmas*. But being on stage is what really excites her.

"My first play was *Hillbilly Reunion*, performed in high school. I had the lead role. It was so much fun. But to have an important role, like *Cinderella*, with no vocal training... It was exciting to explore new areas of talent with family and friends there to witness. Plus, taking on the characteristics of someone else and making them your own is extremely challenging, but fun."

Not long after *Cinderella*, Smith began to have an interest in writing for the *Shelton State Courier*. "I was interested in communications, but didn't know how great of a journalist I would be, but I was willing to find out." Dr. Jim Kenny, publisher and instructor, encouraged Smith to write what she knows best... theater. Smith's first article, a theatrical review of *Annie Get Your Gun*, appeared in summer 1999. And so began a theatre column which ran

strong until Smith's graduation in spring 2000. "I really enjoyed the column, but journalism-wise I'd rather do it as a hobby or for fun. I don't want to make a living of it. I'd much rather be on radio or TV. Being an anchorwoman or a disc jockey is also performing in a sense.

"Also, writing doesn't come naturally to me. The theatre column was easy to write because it was my love, my passion. I was around it so much; it was in my blood. But to just write an article

of females are born with. In years to come she plans on marriage "and many years after that" children will be in the picture. "It's nothing I plan on rushing into now, but it's a thought."

So with writing, acting and keeping on top of all of her classes, Smith also decides to participate in the Miss Shelton State pageant. She wasn't exactly sure why. She didn't grow up around pageants. "Neither me or my sister were ever around them."

Smith's first pageant was in 11th grade at Gordo High School. A few days before the pageant a teacher asked

if she would be willing to enter because they needed more girls to participate. Smith agreed. The day before the pageant Smith picked up her dress, and the following night, won the crown of Miss Gordo High School.

When Smith won the crown of Miss Shelton State it enabled her to participate in the Miss Alabama pageant. "I loved to watch Miss America or Miss USA on TV, but I never imagined I would be a part of something like that." She was very excited, and very nervous.

Smith's platform was Community Service—Helping Under-Privileged Children. "I

already volunteered with various programs all dealing with children and I enjoyed working with them very much. I decided if I had to have a platform I might as well do something I loved and had experience in."

When Smith was in high school she became involved in the Santa's Helper program. She would go to elementary schools, Partlow, nursing homes, and Christmas parties for handicapped children. "I grew to love being around the children, so I helped the next year and the next and the next."



Jessica Smith received the Miss Shelton State crown with her proud papa in attendance

on something other than theatre would take me a long time to finish. I just don't see myself as a good enough writer to pursue print journalism as a career choice."

So what does Smith plan as a career choice? "I'd love to do radio to start off. But my ideal job would be on *Entertainment Tonight* or *Hollywood Access*. I would love to do entertainment news." So what about being a hot new star on a popular soap opera? "That would be a dream come true. I would love to be able to audition for major parts, but those types of opportunities are not available in Alabama. And I definitely plan on moving out of Alabama when I graduate."

Of course, Smith also has the maternal instincts a great deal

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Smith still volunteers with the Santa's Helper program every Christmas.

Smith also began doing volunteer work with Big Brothers Big Sisters in the Stars After-School mentoring program. Because of her volunteer work, Big Brother Big Sisters asked Smith to come on as staff, so she now helps coordinate the summer Stars reading program. "I feel like a lot of kids don't have what I had growing up. I enjoy doing this because it gives me a chance to share what I had. There's a lack of parental guidance in a great many of the children I work with."

My father was my biggest mentor, and raised me to be what I think is a successful young woman. He was my Mr. Mom. No matter the situation my dad was always there. For instance, at the Miss Alabama pageant there was a meeting for all of the mothers. So there we were... 49 moms and my dad. He received all kinds of attention and was eating it up. He's always been like that. Whether it was doing father-daughter activities or mother-daughter things, he was always there."

With the Miss Alabama pageant over with, Smith recalls that she was extremely nervous. "It was a new experience and I didn't know what to expect. It's that way for most of the first-time girls. But the chance of making new friendships with girls

from all over the state of Alabama was absolutely unforgettable. The experience I gained from the pageant will last me forever. I felt good about representing Shelton because everyone supported me 100%. The school sent me a fruit basket, which I thoroughly enjoyed, and both Dr. Rogers and Dr. Umphrey wrote me a note. It calmed my nerves being on stage knowing I had the support and prayers of the people I was representing. Thank you Shelton!"

Smith is a very goal-oriented person. She is driven and knows what she wants. "I think Jessica can be whatever Jessica wants to be. She has proven over the two years that she has been here that nothing daunts her and whatever she takes on she excels at it," said Michael Carr. From taking the lead in the theatre's production to walking away with many awards and scholarships on Shelton State's Honors Night, Smith has proven to everyone who knows her that she will achieve her goals. But what lies behind this drive? What is her motivation? "I've always wanted to be successful. I've always been headstrong and wanted to do my very best. It wasn't so much that I wanted to prove anything to anyone. None of my brothers or sister fin-

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# Student writer gets experience reporting in Bush's league

By Nicole Barker

From the looks of it, a passerby might have thought Randall Publishing Company was under siege last Friday. There were snipers perched on the roof, German Shepherds sniffing out cars and buildings, and Secret Service men, complete with earpieces, planted all over the grounds.

To me, this was all a humorous sight. The dogs looked strange attending a press conference, but the snipers were intimidating. The Secret Service men looked like they were all talking to themselves, at least until one female employee of Randall walked in.

All of a sudden she was surrounded. You would have thought she was royalty to be protected. But she didn't mind; a few of them even got her phone number.

So, what was going on? Presidential-hopeful Governor George W. Bush, of Texas, was visiting Randall Publishing Company. Randall was chosen to be the only business establishment visited by Bush in Alabama. It is the sixth fastest growing publishing company in the nation.

As an employee at Randall, I had the honor of attending the meeting to hear Bush speak. He was a very articulate, pleasant man. He only spoke briefly, but then greeted every employee, either by shaking hands, signing autographs, or posing for a picture.

Only one night earlier, Texas had executed another murderer. Bush took much flak for this. In a TV interview, he said, "I don't care if this hurts my political career, I was elected to follow the laws." When I got my chance to meet him, I briefly let him know I respected his position. He thanked me and then we posed for the cameras.

He spoke on Social Security issues. His main thought was to "give you your money, and let you decide how you want to invest it."

Bush also spoke on the surplus in the govern-

ment right now. He wants to reimburse the American people their money.

That afternoon Bush visited Senator Richard Shelby's home for a \$25,000 per person party. Later that night, Shelby hosted a get-together, originally planned for the University Club, at the Bryant Conference Center. This fund-raiser was a \$1,000 per plate dinner.



Courier reporter Nicole Barker meets presidential hopeful George Bush

As a member of the MCM 102 Media Writing class and a *Courier* reporter, I found out how hard it can be not only to get information from political figures, but to attend one of their meetings...for free.

W a l l a c e Lancaster, carpentry instructor here at the college, is also the Chairman of the GOP for

Tuscaloosa County. I first contacted him to see how far I could go in reference to these high dollar dinners. Lancaster referred me to Travis Thomas, a front man for Senator Richard Shelby's office.

Try as I might, I couldn't get anywhere near the fundraiser at the University. And Shelby's personal party was out of the question.

Had the fundraiser been backed officially by the Republican Party I might have gotten further in my quest, but this was Senator Shelby's baby. My take on the whole experience is his office wanting to guarantee positive press—no matter how much pleading and promising I did to ensure him this would be nothing but human interest.

Shelby hoped to raise an Alabama record of \$2 million during this fundraiser. Instead, Republicans gave \$2.5 million.

This experience was an exciting one for me. I've been around professional athletes throughout my life, but Bush was the first very popular and well-known politician I've ever met. It was definitely an experience I'll think back on with interest—even though I wasn't the one those Secret Service men hit on.

## Bane of some bands, Napster is a boon to poor college students

By Jeromy Hall

What's the big fuss over Napster? Many people who attend college both at Shelton and the University of Alabama use the program Napster on a daily basis.

Andrew Young, a Shelton student, has over 1,000 songs. "Napster isn't hurting anyone. We are college students who sometimes can't afford to go out and purchase CDs, so Napster is a way we can enjoy music. Don't musicians claim they make music so their fans can enjoy it?"

Kyle Woods, a University of Alabama student, says he enjoys getting music that is recorded live at their concerts. "Most artists don't produce live albums, so Napster is a way I can enjoy the music I like because Napster has live music from concerts."

Napster is an internet service which allows people from all over the world to trade mp3s which is any type of music they prefer for no cost at all.

Shawn Fanning, creator of Napster, is a 19 year old college dropout. Throughout his freshman year of college, Fanning took an interest in the IRC, an internet chat system. Fanning and his college friends were into trading MP3s, but always had difficulty finding the particular songs they wanted for their own collections.

Mp3s are music that you can download off the internet. All you have to do is go to the website Napster.com, click the download icon. After you have completely downloaded the program you can search for songs by artist title, song

title or the type of music you are looking for.

He suggested that he and his friends create a way for people to search for files and talk to each other. Fanning was quoted as saying he wanted to build communities around different types of music.

Fanning lives in a dorm-like apartment a couple of blocks from his office building in Silicon Valley. He usually has two other Napster employees sleep on his floor every night. He doesn't go out much. Fanning was quoted as saying, "San Francisco would be OK, if I had a fake ID."

Just recently artists like Lars Ulrich of Metallica, and rapper Dr. Dre, have filed lawsuits against Napster. Metallica has filed lawsuits against anyone who has their music which they have gotten off of Napster. For this reason, over 120 universities have banned Napster for legal reasons (including those universities that were sued. After the universities banned Napster, Metallica dropped them from the lawsuits.)

A recent study shows that CD sales have been significantly up, but purchases have tanked at stores near college campuses. Some artist believe that if you hear one of their songs on Napster and like it, you will go out and buy their album. Not all artists are against Napster like Metallica. Fred Durst of Limp Biscuit supports Napster. Limp Biscuit along with Cyprus Hill will be playing free shows for the month of July nationwide to help promote the Napster program.

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# Sports

—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—

The second annual Millennium Run to be held July 27

## Showdown at Sundown!

Shelton State and the Tuscaloosa Runners Club will sponsor a one-mile road race, the second annual Millennium Sundown Run, Thursday, July 27, beginning outside the Wellness Center.

Open heats will be held for elementary, junior high, high school and college students. Other heats include ones for people 25-40, 41-50, and 51-plus years of age.

There will also be a challenged division and an open division. Each heat will have a division for male and female runners.

Early registration fee is \$10 per heat. Registration fee the day of the race is \$15 per heat. Registration that day will be from 5-6 p.m. in the Wellness center. The first heat will begin at 6 p.m. and heats will follow every 10 minutes. The

award ceremony will be at 8 p.m.

The distance for the road race will be one mile on asphalt. The start and finish will be at the west end of the Martin campus.

The three top winners in the Open Mile Male and the Open Mile Female race will win cash awards.

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heat.**

First place is \$100, second place \$75, and third place \$50. Awards will be given to the top three finishers in all the other runs.

Shelton will also sponsor a special VIP Walk at 6 p.m. The VIP walk is open to elected officials, community leaders, the physically challenged, faculty, staff and friends of the college. The entry fee for the VIP Walk is \$10.

Sponsors for the event include The Athlete's Foot, Harrison Engineering, Inc., Krackeroos and Emergi-Care Clinic, PC.

All profits from the Millennium Sundown Run will go to the Shelton State Foundation Scholarship Fund.

For more information on the run, call the Wellness Center at 391-2994 or 2995.

### Editorial

## Trading places good in sports

By Nicole Barker

After playing basketball for eight years, much of which I displayed no respect for referees, I started training as a referee myself.

I have come to a new understanding for this particular aspect of the game. Every ball player should referee, and every referee should play ball.

Eight-year veteran referee Sam Layne agrees, "I've called many games with guys who have never been around basketball except as a spectator. It's not an encouraging sight for the players. It's frustrating to deal with from a player and coaches point of view."

This is so true. A referee that has played will understand the players as well as understand the rules.

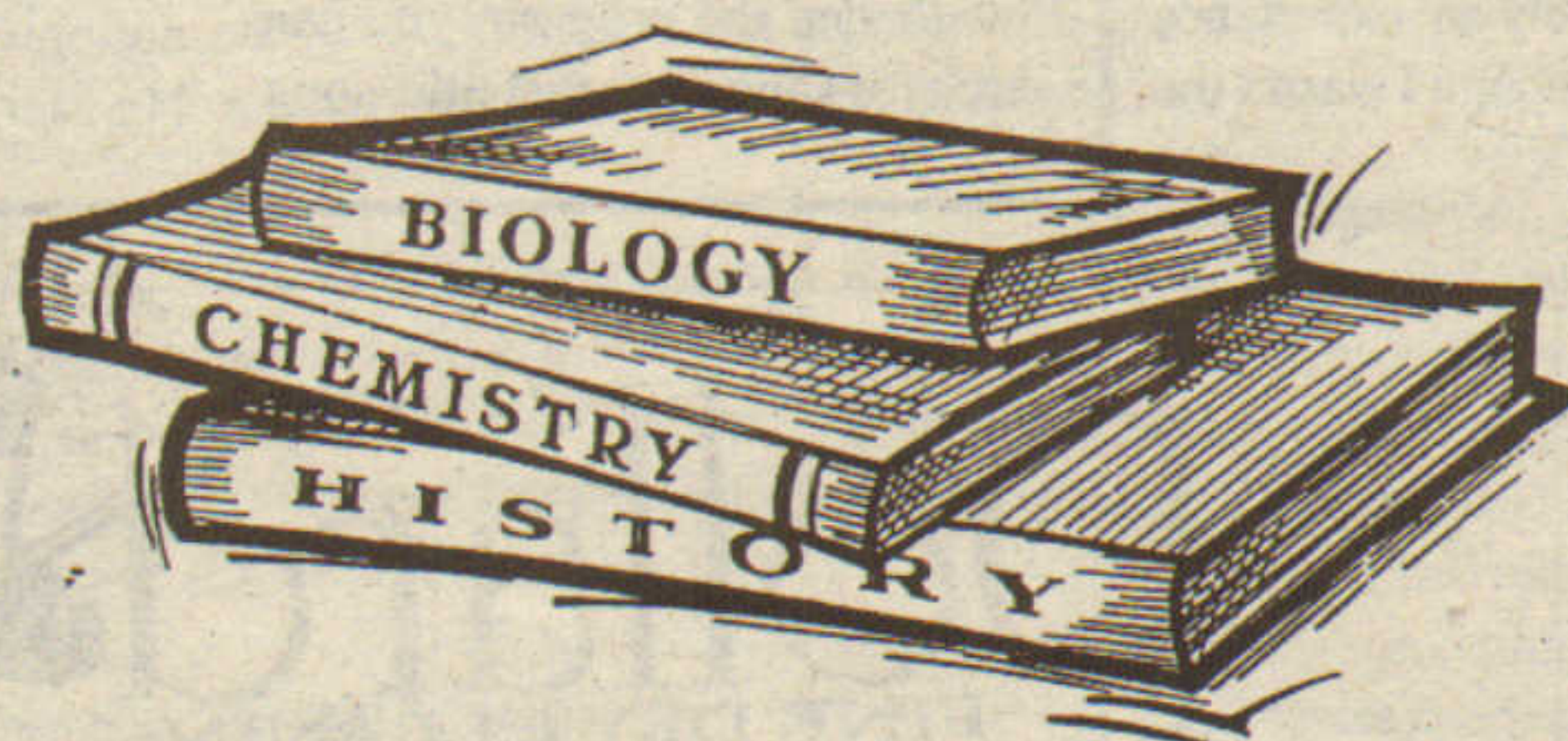
Refereeing is a hard task.

You have to be aware of every player, every line, every coach and every spectator at all times. You have to know rules players and coaches don't even know. Even worse, most spectators have no clue as to what the rules are, which is why life can be hard on a referee. That's why refs deserve the benefit of the doubt. It's better to miss a call, than to make a call that's not there.

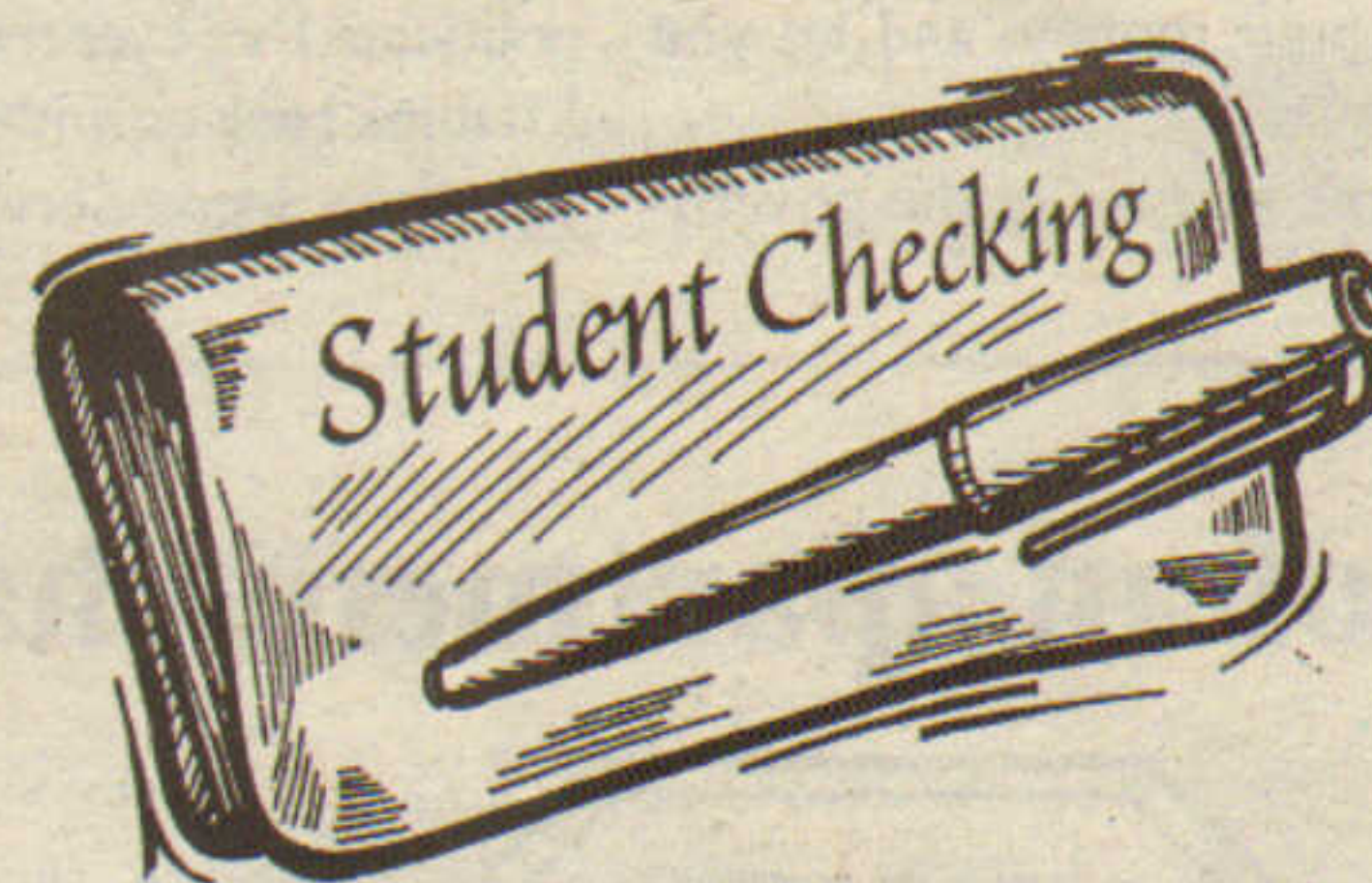
A benefit of a referee that has played ball is that they can anticipate ball movement. The ref knows things that can happen in certain situations because they've been there themselves. They know the players' minds.

I have to say, I feel like a better person knowing what I know now. I bet my former officials wish I'd had this knowledge sooner.

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\$3.75-\$12.95 If Italian or Greek is what you're craving then Tut's Place is what you need. Tut's Place is located on University Blvd. below Thai House. They offer a variety of Italian and Greek food including pizza, pasta, calzones, gyros, salads and desserts. They deliver Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 a.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m.-midnight. The prices at Tut's are reasonable, they range from \$1.25-\$19.45.

Pepito's restaurant is a great choice for Mexican food if you are in the campus area. Located next to Lai Lai they offer Mexican dishes from tacos, to burritos to chimichangas. The prices run from as little as \$1.00 up to \$10.95. Pepito's is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Saturday from noon-10 p.m. and Sunday from noon-9 p.m.

If you're in the mood for something different Hale's Tavern, located on University Blvd. two doors down from Lai Lai, is where you want to go. Hale's offers a variety of foods including BBQ shrimp, gumbo, sandwiches, steak and pasta. They are open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-12:30 or 1 a.m., depending on how busy they are, and their prices run anywhere from \$2.95-\$12.99.

Sometimes getting to places during the week can be difficult. Traffic around campus is hectic in

the morning until around 9 and then it gets heavy again around lunchtime between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

There are four gas stations in the campus area. The BP and the Exxon on University Blvd. are open 24 hours as well as the Conoco on Paul W. Bryant Drive. There is also a Chevron on University Blvd. but it closes at 10 p.m. All four stations are similar except BP and Exxon have a larger selection of snacks and drinks and Chevron has a car wash.

There are advantages and disadvantages to living in the campus area. Some of the advantages include being close to many different restaurants and nightlife areas. If you like Alabama football, then you're close to the stadium and if you have plans on attending the University you are right there.

Some of the disadvantages include being about eight miles from Shelton State's main campus. Game day traffic and crowds can be considered a disadvantage as well as the distance to the nearest grocery store.

For someone deciding to move to Tuscaloosa, the UA campus area is an excellent choice because of the convenience of living, food and gas.

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ished college, and I wanted to. I've never been pressured to do well. My father just urged me to do my best.

The best piece of advice I can give to anyone who is struggling is to just be yourself and be happy with who you are. Someone told me that a long time ago and that's what I'm doing."

So with everything Smith has accomplished in her young life, is there anything she would do differently? "If I changed anything in my life I wouldn't be where I am now. I don't have any regrets. Hardships and struggles make you stronger."

Smith's story does take on a fairy tale quality. Only her prince is not a tall, handsome stranger finding a glass slipper. Her prince was Shelton State, where she found her passion and had the opportunity to share it with people. "I feel privileged to have been a part of such a wonderful school. I wouldn't trade anything for the two years I've had at Shelton. It was the best growing and learning experience I could've asked for."

The only difference between Cinderella and Smith is Smith's story doesn't end "happily ever after" when she leaves Shelton. No, Jessica Smith's fairy tale story is just beginning.

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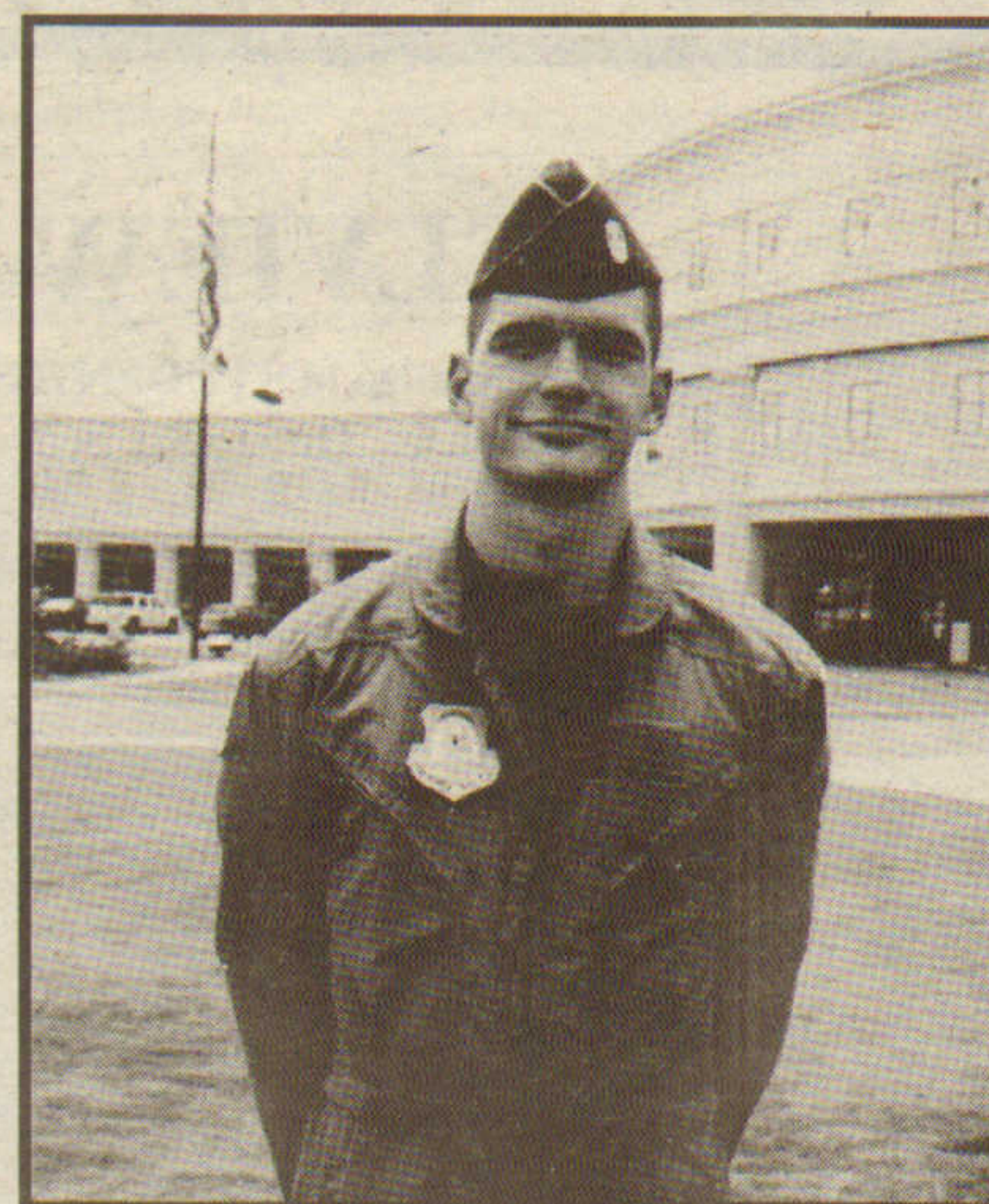
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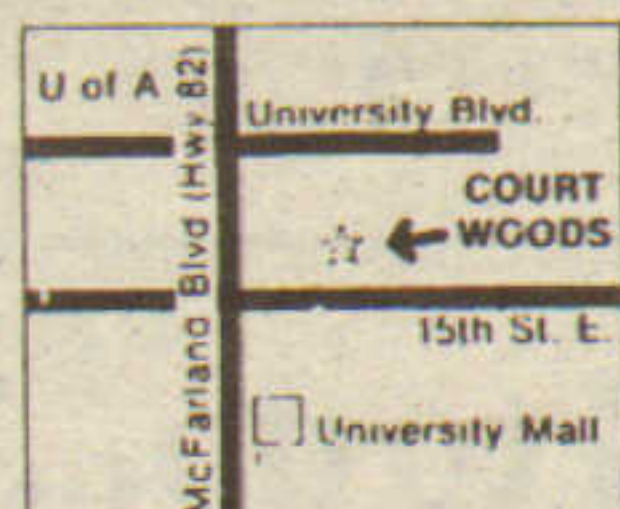
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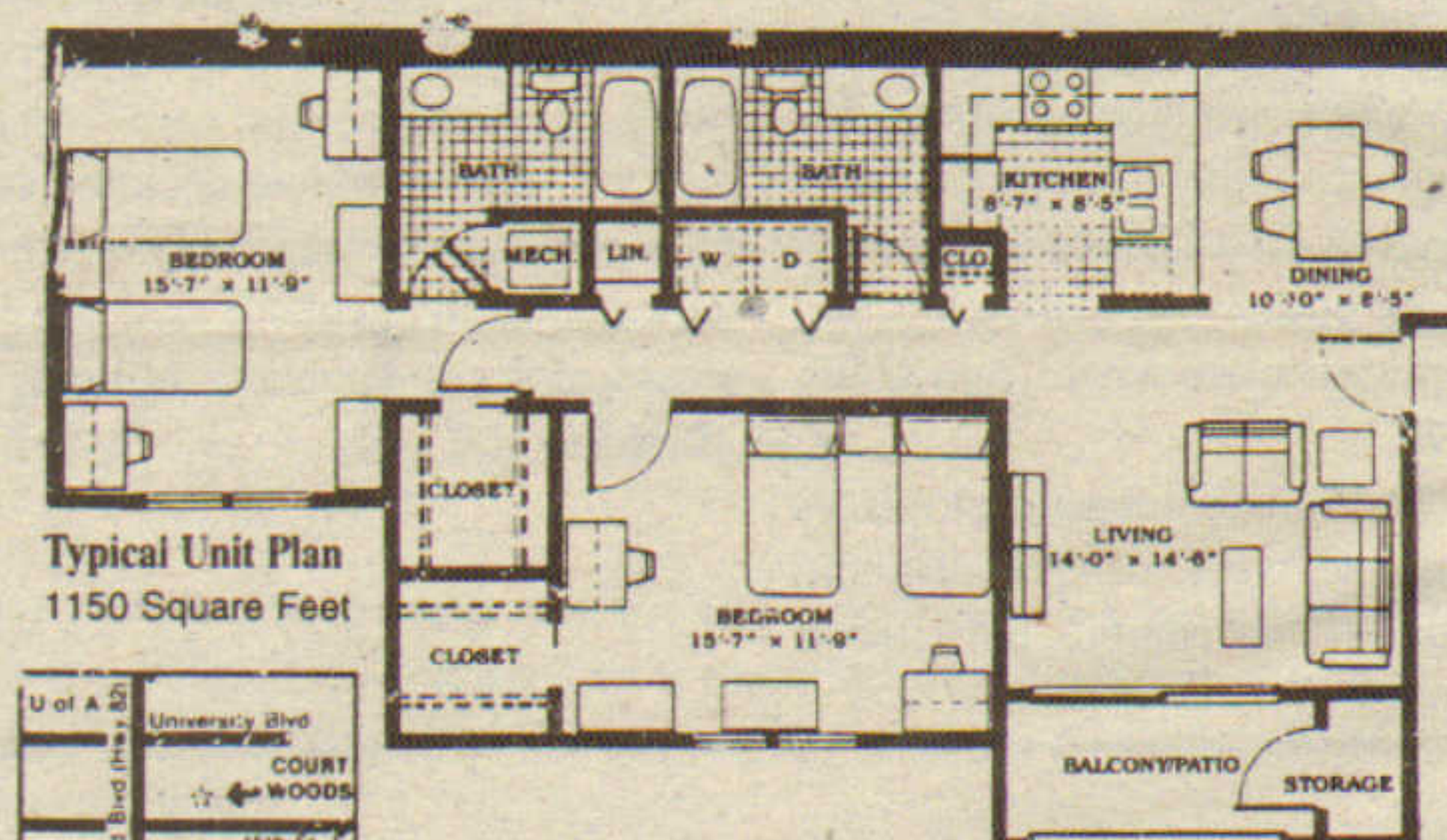
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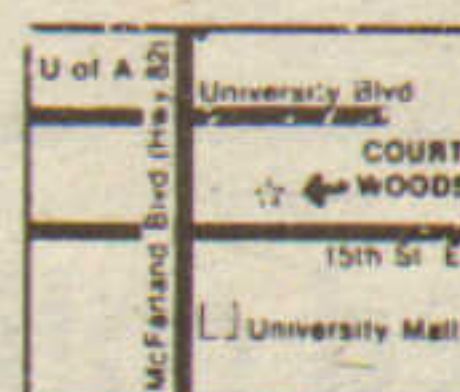
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